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SETTLERS FROZEN TO DEATH.

Medicine Hat, Feb. 9.—Constable Smith, of the R.N.W.M.P., has returned from a patrol through the Red Deer country which was fraught with a test of endurance of an arduous nature on account of the deep snow and biting cold. He was at Fred McGee's ranch when word was brought there by Dr. Hawke and Ford Day to the effect that the body of a man who had been evidently frozen to death had been found near Fergus Kennedy's place. Constable Smith immediately started on the sixty-three mile ride to the Kennedy ranch. It took him two days to make the trip as he found the snow eighteen inches deep on the level. As the result of investigation he ascertained that the dead man was W. S. Romine, aged 40 years, a homesteader who had come into the country last June from Colorado and with his wife and a grown son had taken up a homestead on 27-28-5 in the Calgary Land district.

The constable stated that he found Romine half reclining on a snow drift grasping the top rail of a three wire fence. He bore an appearance of utter exhaustion. He was well clothed except in regard to his feet on which he wore only cotton socks and boots. The body was first discovered by Jim Welsh, one of the Kennedy riders. It took the constable three days to make six miles with a team through the snow. He took the body to Joseph Snell's farm on 22-35-5. Mrs. Romine obtained a cap and some papers which were found in the pocket of the deceased as belonging to her husband and the son identified the body. Constable Smith then pushed on to Alaska forty miles further north and consulted a coroner, who authorized burial. Of Glen Hoffman's whereabouts there is no trace. He was a young Englishman twenty-three years of age and left his brother's homestead on sec. 13-2-5 on December 26th last to George Lewis' ranch on 1-2-7. After waiting a week for him to return, Constable Neville went down to Howe's to see what was the matter. There he learned that young Hoffman had left on the 26th with Romine. That is the last trace obtainable of him. And the tale is not ended yet. Charles Stanger's left Walter Rothwell's homestead on 22-23-5 at about five o'clock in the afternoon of Jan. 17th to go to his own homestead on 7-2-3 only six miles away. It started to storm shortly after he left. That's all. He was an Englishman aged 24 years.

Constable Smith also reports a narrow escape which two homesteaders (father and son) experienced on Jan. 20th when they left Alaska to visit eighteen miles out to their homestead. They were caught in a storm at night. The lad played out and his father catching him in a snow drift, went to look for help. Fortunately he had a heavy coat and a sturdy pair of legs. He wandered until morning and then found himself near a farm house. He was able to direct a rescue party, where to find the boy, but was too badly frost bitten to direct the search personally. The lad was found but his feet were frozen solid and amputation will be necessary.

Constable Smith reports that a group of homesteaders took up land in this portion of the Calgary Land District and apparently made little or no effort to lay in a proper supply of fuel for the winter.

The chances that they take in going on foot across country to visit neighbors is positively appalling.

Large numbers are now preparing to pull into Alaska until spring opens up.

WINDY RIDGE.

V. McNeely has returned from Saskatchewan and is now on his claim. Leo Nook was a Bow Island visitor last Saturday.

J. Snegh has lost five oxen owing to the severe weather and scarcity of feed.

L. McPherson, who has been spending a few months at Markham has returned to his homestead.

E. Badgley was in Bow Island on Tuesday.

Ed. Ream has received the sad news of the death of his aunt in Grand Rapids, Mich.

There is a great deal of coal-mining being done in this vicinity.

Windy Ridge is almost gone. One more blizzard and the Mayor will leave the country.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

A meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the "Review" office on Monday night, there being present—Messrs. A. F. Dulmage (in the chair), P. E. Ludtke, E. C. Ludtke, W. E. Hopkins, J. W. Hurd, T. W. Dyer, and the Secretary (W. P. Cotton.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, on the motion of W. E. Hopkins and P. E. Ludtke. A motion was then put by T. W. Dyer, seconded by J. W. Hurd, that the petitions in circulation for a demonstration farm to be located at Bow Island, be called in and the Secretary be instructed to forward them to the proper quarters.—Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to have printed stationery for the use of the Board of Trade, on motion of J. W. Hurd and W. E. Hopkins. The question of advertising the town then came up, and after several suggestions, W. E. Hopkins moved, J. W. Hurd seconding, that a cut of "Old Glory" be purchased and some be printed upon the backs of envelopes for the business men of the town and cost of same be charged to account of Board of Trade.—Carried.

Upon the motion of E. C. Ludtke, seconded by T. W. Dyer, the Secretary was requested to write the C.P.R. with a view to installing stockyards at this point, it being felt, that it was causing considerable inconvenience to shippers in having to take their stock to other points to be shipped.

The matter of forming local improvement districts around Bow Island was thoroughly discussed by those present, several of whom thought that when once the movement started the residents of the country would soon understand the advantages that were to be gained in having the control of the expenditure in their own particular district. Accordingly, T. W. Dyer and J. W. Hurd were requested to draw up a petition for a local improvement district and forward same to the C.P.R. for their works.

The colonies lying to the south of Bow Island and the best way to make them passable in spring again came up, and eventually the secretary was asked to communicate with Attorney General Mitchell and A. McLean, M.P.P., in whose districts the colonies lay, and ascertain whether something could not be done with regard to making some improvement there.

The meeting then adjourned.

DECISION FOR C.P.R.

London, Feb. 3.—Judgment was given today by the Privy Council in the important case of the Minister of Public Works of the Province of Alberta against the C.P.R. respondents, with the Attorney General of Saskatchewan intervening. This was a test case re the exemption of C.P.R. lands from taxation and resulted in a win for the railway company, all along the line, the case being dismissed without costs. Their Lordships held that unoccupied C.P.R. lands were not taxable until twenty years after the actual grant of letters patent to the settler, even should there be a delay of many years on his part in taking out these letters patent. They also held that C.P.R. and sold on the installment plan were not taxable until all the instalments were paid.

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—The failure of the test case of the Province of Alberta before the Privy Council re taxation of C.P.R. lands will be widely regarded in the prairie provinces, practically every municipality and school district being affected. It is expected that official statements of the attitude of the law as affecting the three provinces will be forthcoming, but well informed people here seem to consider the judgment as final. A further rise in C.P.R. lands is anticipated.

The taxation case of the Province of Alberta vs. the C.P.R. which had passed the successive stages from the Courts of Alberta to the Privy Council involved a sum in arrears of taxes if the contention of the Province had sustained, of about twenty-five million dollars. The Province's contention was that the twenty years exemption from taxation given upon the lands extended from the date of the survey of the lands and not from the date of the securing of the patent of the lands by the Railway Company. Former Deputy Attorney General S. B. Woods had been engaged in the preparation of the case for more than two years. The interests of the C.P.R. had been looked after by A. R. Creelman, K.C., of Montreal, and Stewart Tupper, K.C., Winnipeg.

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